CHAPTER 225-S.F.No. 930

An act relating to gambling; appropriating money for compulsive gambling prevention and education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

\$25,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated from the lottery prize fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the state affiliate recognized by the National Council on Problem Gambling. The affiliate must provide services to increase public awareness of problem gambling, education and training for individuals and organizations providing effective treatment services to problem gamblers and their families, and research relating to problem gambling. These services must be complimentary to and not duplicative of the services provided through the problem gambling program administered by the commissioner of human services. This grant does not prevent the commissioner from regular monitoring and oversight of the grant or the ability to reallocate the funds to other services within the problem gambling program for nonperformance of duties by the grantee. Of this appropriation, \$75,000 in fiscal year 2007 is contingent on the contribution of nonstate matching funds. Matching funds may be either cash or qualifying in-kind contributions. The commissioner of finance may disburse the state portion of the matching funds in increments of \$37,500 upon receipt of a commitment for an equal amount of matching nonstate funds. These are onetime appropriations.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 20, 2006

Signed by the governor May 24, 2006, 1:05 p.m.